

Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for indicating criteria used for organizing electronic  
2 objects, comprising steps of:

3 selecting, by a user, an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object in a  
4 manner consistent with ~~defined selection settings~~ defined to connote selection of organizing  
5 criteria; and

6 concluding, responsive to the selecting, that the user has indicated that the element is to  
7 become a criterion for organizing electronic objects.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 defining the ~~selection~~ settings.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of selecting  
2 further comprises the step of selecting a word, a phrase, or one or more contiguous characters as  
3 the element.

1 Claim 4 (original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase, or the  
2 characters is/are contained in a text document.

1 Claim 5 (original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase, or the  
2 characters is/are contained in an e-mail message.

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AB 1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the step of selecting  
2 further comprises the step of selecting a portion of an image file as the element.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the step of selecting  
2 further comprises the step of selecting one or more words, phrases, and characters as the element.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of selecting  
2 further comprises the step of selecting a portion of one or more image files as the element.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 storing the selected element as an organizing criterion.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of  
2 using the selected criterion element to format a rule that can subsequently be used for organizing  
3 stored documents.

1 Claim 11 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting step further  
2 comprises using a mouse device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 12 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting step further

2 comprises using a light pen device in the selecting step.

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1 Claim 13 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting step further

2 comprises using a plasma panel device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 14 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting step further

2 comprises using an audio mechanism in the selecting step.

1 Claim 15 (original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the selecting step further

2 comprises using a video mechanism in the selecting step.

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~defined selection~~

2 settings ~~include~~ specify that swiping an element of a rendered representation of a particular

3 electronic object must be swiped multiple times to connote selection of that element.

1 Claim 17 (original): The method according to Claim 9, wherein, responsive to the selecting step,

2 the index thereby becomes adaptive.

1 Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria used for organizing electronic

2 objects, comprising:

3 means for selecting, by a user, an element of a rendered representation of an electronic

4 object in a manner consistent with ~~defined selection settings~~ defined to connote selection of  
5 organizing criteria;

6 means for concluding, responsive to the means for selecting, that the user has indicated  
7 that the element is to become a criterion for organizing electronic objects; and

8 means for using the selected criterion element to format a rule that can subsequently be  
9 used for organizing stored documents.

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria used for  
2 organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more  
3 computer-readable media and comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for selecting, by a user, an element of a rendered  
5 representation of an electronic object in a manner consistent with ~~defined selection settings~~  
6 defined to connote selection of organizing criteria;

7 computer-readable program code means for concluding, responsive to the computer-  
8 readable program code means for selecting, that the user has indicated that the element is to  
9 become a criterion for organizing electronic objects; and

10 computer-readable program code means for using the selected criterion element to format  
11 a rule that can subsequently be used for organizing stored documents.